

We Claim:

1. A vending machine comprising a controller having an interface to which a portable recording medium is detachably mountable, a storage having operation data stored therein, and a central processing unit, wherein said central processing unit executes operation data transfer program, which is stored in advance in said portable recording medium mounted to said interface, to thereby transfer the operation data from said storage to said portable recording medium or transfer the operation data from said portable recording medium to said storage.

2. The vending machine according to claim 1, further comprising a remote controller to be connected to said controller,

wherein the operation data is stored in a plurality of memory blocks of said storage, and

said controller performs transferring of the operation data for each memory block designated by said remote controller.

3. The vending machine according to claim 1, further comprising a remote controller to be connected to said controller,

wherein said operation data transfer program includes an extracting program for transferring the operation data from said storage to said portable recording medium and a writing program for transferring the operation data from said portable recording medium to said storage, and

said controller executes said extracting program or said writing program according to a processing mode designated by said remote controller.

4. A portable recording medium having recorded therein an operation

data transfer program which causes a vending machine comprising a controller having an interface to which a portable recording medium is detachably mountable, a storage having operation data stored therein, and a central processing unit to function as means for transferring operation data from said storage to said portable recording medium or transferring the operation data from said portable recording medium to said storage.